

COUNCIL OF THE ISLES OF SCILLY

"Fernleigh"

St. Mary's,  
Isles of Scilly.

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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

To the Chairman and Members of the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year ended  
31st December, 1954.

General Statistics

Area	4,041 Acres
Population	1900
Number of Families	540 approximately
Rateable Value	£7,377
Sum represented by One Penny Rate	£31.95

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

MALE - 16      FEMALE - 11      TOTAL - 27.

A total of twenty-seven live births took place during the year, one of these was a premature baby weighing less than 3 lbs. This child died within 24 hours of birth.

DEATHS

MALE - 14      FEMALE - 5      TOTAL - 19

Transferred

IN	MALE - 3	FEMALE - Nil	
OUT	Nil	Nil	TOTAL - 3
			<u>Nil</u>
			<u>3</u>

Causes of death

CARDIAC

Myocardial Degeneration	7
Coronary Thrombosis	3

VASCULAR

Cerebral haemorrhage	3
Cerebral thrombosis	1

MALIGNANT DISEASE

Carcinoma of stomach	1
Carcinoma of breast	1

PNEUMONIA	1
OTHER CAUSES	<u>2</u>
	<u>19</u>

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Tuberculosis. Two new cases were notified during the year. One female is under institution treatment, and one male is having domiciliary treatment.

### Other Notifiable Diseases

Whooping cough 4 cases  
Measles 2 cases

There has been no general outbreak of any infectious disease during the year.

## LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE

### Ante & post natal clinics.

No. of sessions,	<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>St. Agnes</u>	<u>St. Martin's</u>	<u>Tresco/Bryher</u>
Ante natal	16	4	-	19
Post natal	12	-	-	6
No. of women attending.				
Ante natal	15	3	-	3
Post natal	11	-	-	4
No. of attendances.				
Ante natal	108	4	-	20
Post natal	72	-	-	5

### CHILD WELFARE

No. of sessions	47	12	14	43
Children attending				
Under 1 1st attendance	9	2	1	9
Born this year	9	2	1	2
Born last year	14	5	8	10
Others	1	6	2	22
No. of attendances				
Under 1	281	39	55	118
Over 1 but under 2	44	25	16	46
Over 2 but under 5	21	6	11	38

### HOME NURSING

Cases attended				
Medical	38	2	-	114
Surgical	3	-	-	15
Others	3	-	-	4

The above figures show in tabular form the work done by the District Nurses in Maternity, Child welfare and Home Nursing. I wish to record that this work is always carried out willingly and efficiently and with the maximum of co-operation.

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The following are the figures for 1954

AGE GROUP	<u>Under 1</u>	<u>1 - 4</u>	<u>5 - 9</u>	<u>10 - 14</u>
	19	21	3	12

The above figures relate to children who completed their immunisation during the year, or who received a re-inforcing dose during the same period.

It should be emphasised that every effort is being made to see that all children who are born in the Islands are effectively immunised during their first year of life.

## VACCINATION

There is still some prejudice against vaccination, but the years figures are encouraging and a total of sixty-three persons were vaccinated.

Of the total figure it is noteworthy that the majority were children under the age of one.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Officers of the Local Health Service for their kindness and help during the year.

I, remain Sirs,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. BELL.